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July 26, 2014: Spring Canyon Fire

Springville, Utah July 26, 2014 – The Spring Canyon Fire is located on the North Side of Hobble Creek and at the mouth of the Spring Canyon, approximately 1 mile east of Springville, Utah. The fire was human caused by fireworks on July 26th at approximately 2:20 AM, it is currently 15% contained, has burned 140 acres, and is being actively suppressed. The fire ignition point was at the bottom of Spring Canyon near homes and at the onset, 10 homes were evacuated and 40 were put on standby. The evacuation was lifted at 10:30 AM and families were able to return to their homes. The American Red Cross facilitated the support of families requiring evacuation.

The Spring Canyon Fire behavior is an active flame front, burning at mid-slope elevations in short grass and oak brush. Due to the steep terrain and accessibility, helicopters and air tankers are being heavily utilized to support firefighters on the ground. Air support has been successful at reducing fire behavior.

The following resources have been assigned to the fire:

- 5 Hand Crews including 1 Interagency Hotshot Crew
- 2 Airtankers
- 4 Single Engine Airtankers
- 3 Helicopters (1 KMAX, 1 Skycrane, and 1 Type 3)
- 2 Engines (1 Forest Service and 1 Volunteer Fire Department from Salem, UT)

There are two additional fires burning nearby, located to the south and Y Fire, located to the north. Both fires continue to burn within the high elevations, in steep and inaccessible terrain. The fire is burning within a rock outcrop which contains the fire and the fires activity continues to be monitored. The Ether Fire, located to the south, continues to burn along the canyon ridge line in steep and inaccessible terrain. This fire has received 10,000 gallons of dropped water and now continues to be monitored but not actively fought.

As a reminder, fireworks or possession of fireworks are illegal on any National Forest land.

The Spring Canyon and Ether Fires is being managed by a Northern Utah Interagency Type 3 Incident Management Team in cooperation with local, city, state, county and federal agencies.

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